(*g*) whether the Government have not expressed their views that the extension of railway from Chitaldrug cannot be taken up until the construction of railway lines on hand in the State are completed;

(*h*) while ordering the levy of double the road cess whether the Government have considered the question of creating railway facilities from Chitaldrug and onwards;

(*i*) whether the Government will be pleased to abolish the double levy of road cess if they have not thought of creating railway facilities;

(*j*) whether the Government will be pleased to levy the single rate of road cess on buses running through all the roads having no railway communications;

(*k*) if the Government cannot reduce the double rate of road cess, whether the railway facilities will be created immediately.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT,—

A.—45. (*a*) Perhaps so.

(*b*) *Vide* statement appended (Appendix VII).

(*c*) The object of Government in levying the double cess is to avoid unhealthy competition between buses and railways in cases where the former run in competition or short circuit the railway on which the State has already invested heavy sums.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No. Double cess has been levied as the route short circuits the railway from Chitaldrug to Tumkur and Bangalore.

(*f*) Yes, if the traffic prospects of a line from Chitaldrug to Tumkur *via* Sira, which are now under investigation prove profitable.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Levy of double cess has no bearing on future railway constructions.

(*i*) Does not arise in view of answer to Question (*h*).

(*j*) Only single rate of road cess is levied between places not connected by railway.

(*k*) Reference is invited to answer to (*j*).

MR. PATEL MALLADEVIAH (Harihar Rural).—

Q.—46. Will the Government be pleased to intimate:—

(*a*) the stage at which the question of converting the Harihar Sub-Taluk into a pukka taluk stands at present;

(*b*) whether there are any difficulties for the conversion of it into a pukka taluk;

(*c*) if there are no difficulties, whether the Government will be pleased to abolish the sub-taluk and convert it into a pukka taluk.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—46. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The question is under consideration.

MESSRS. N. CHENNABASAPPA and PATTI BASAPPA (Molakalmuru Rural).—

Q.—47. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the question of constructing a tank to Gunderihalla near Jilladagundi in Molakalmuru Taluk is pending for a long time;

(*b*) whether any project has been prepared for the work; if so what is the amount of the project;

(*c*) what is the extent of wet cultivation under the tank;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the raiyats have agreed to pay their share of contribution ;

(*e*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state their views as to starting the work during the year 1928-29.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—47. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A project for Rs. 1,86,785 had been prepared in 1903 but on account of the high cost, the project was not taken up. On further representation, the project was revised in February 1928 and it amounts to Rs. 2,21,500.

(*c*) 506 acres.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The project is found unremunerative, the return to Government being only 1-5 per cent. Unless the raiyats agree to pay higher rate of assessment Rs. 8 to 10 per acre and also increase the rate of contribution, the project cannot be taken up. The matter is under consideration.

MR. G. CHANNAPPA (Holalkere Rural).—

Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to state:—